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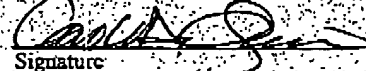
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PATENT APPLICATION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 24, 2005,
Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the Group III claims, namely Claims 63 to 70.
The election is made with traverse, however.

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Traversal is on the ground that there would not be an undue burden in examining the groups of claims in a single application. In particular, MPEP § 808 makes clear that in order to require restriction between independent or distinct inventions, reasons for insisting upon a restriction requirement, such as undue burden, must also be shown. In this case, it is not believed that there would be undue burden in examining the three groups of claims in a single application, since the three groups of claims are not so different as would require a burden on the Examiner that is significantly beyond that of the normal burdens of examination.

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Respectfully submitted,



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